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Application No. 09/530,013-Conf. #7256		Filing Date April 24, 2000		Examiner R. J. Gitomer	
				Art Unit 1655	
Applicant(s): Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al.					
Invention: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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Examiner: Ralph GITOMER

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amended Claim Set; and
Remarks.